

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 21, 2014 6:30PM  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Rich Henriksen, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann and Sandy Mansfield  
Citizens present: 7

There was a motion offered by Bill Neumann with support from Rich Henriksen to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES: Randy Ruth, the Land O'Lakes Airport Manager was present to discuss the possibility of Watersmeet signing to declare Land O'Lakes as our union airport. The airport at this time works to bring in more people to support our communities with their marketing plans and attending events such as the EAA Fly-In in Oshkosh. The airport presently has 2 runways: a 4000' asphalt runway running east-west and a 2577' grass runway running north-south. The airport can handle Lear jets and smaller planes. There are 21 hangars, 20 of which are personally owned and 1 that belongs to the town. They also have a snow equipment building to house their equipment. This is a topic that needs to be explored by business owners and the Chamber of Commerce in our area that can possibly help to bring more people into the area.

A motion was made by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Bill Neumann with support from Sandy Mansfield to approve Roger Kolehmainen as the auditor for the audit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The audit will take place sometime in July. Motion carried.

A new health care plan needs to be put into place for the union employees. The plan that we currently have will be discontinued as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 due to lack of compliance with the Affordable Care Act. We reviewed 3 different options and decided to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue Gold. This plan is the most similar to the one we currently have. There is a price increase of approximately \$4400/year, but we are still within budget. A resolution was offered by Rich Henriksen with support from Bill Neumann to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue Gold for the new health insurance policy in order to be in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rogers, Kempainen, Henriksen, Neumann, Mansfield. Nays: None. Resolution passed.

A motion was made by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann to pay the bills presented for payment. Motion carried. Check numbers 34265 through 34287 for the General Fund, check number 2997 for Water Fund and Check numbers 3800 and 3801 for Waste Water Fund.

REPORTS: Supervisor Rogers reported that in trenching for water hookup at the Transfer Station a natural gas line was found that apparently was installed years ago but never hooked up. We will discontinue using propane and hook up to natural gas. Jim Caron was contacted about putting in a

retaining wall at Bass Lake in order to reclaim approximately 20 feet that has been lost over the years. We are not allowed to reclaim the footage, but can put in a wall of boulders in order to curtail any further wear of the land. The Cemetery has been raked and made ready for Memorial Day and looks great. A big thank you goes to Greg and Paul for the hard work. Paul is now staining the picnic tables that will be placed at Bass Lake this summer. Rather than put bids out for the small pavilion that we plan to build at Bass Lake, Dan Kline suggested that we do the work with volunteers in order to save money. Response has been good. The transfer station will begin summer Sunday Hours on June 22, 2014. It will be open from 8:00am to noon. Road restrictions of Blacktopped roads will be lifted on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Gravel Road restrictions will remain in place until further notice. Paul Kemppainen gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted as presented. Rich Henriksen stated that he has been continuously updating our website in order to keep our followers current.

A motion was to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kemppainen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township